



**COLORADO**  
**Department of Local Affairs**  
Division of Local Government

# Law Enforcement Community Services Grant Program Report Per Colorado Revised Statute 24-32-124(6)

SMART ACT REPORT

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Section 24-32-124 (6), of the Colorado Revised Statute (C.R.S.), requires the Department of Local Affairs to provide a summarized report of the activities of the program in the department's annual presentation to the committees of reference. This document serves as the response to this report requirement.

**Program Overview**

In Colorado's 2018 legislative session, House Bill 18-1020 was passed creating the Law Enforcement Community Services grant program (LECS) as outlined in Colorado Revised Statute (C.R.S.) 24-32-124. Launching in early 2024, the program will give grants to law enforcement agencies, local government entities, and community organizations to improve services to the communities. This includes community services such as policing and outreach, drug intervention, prevention, treatment and recovery, and other services. The grant program includes a committee to make recommendations to the Executive Director to review grant applications, and recommend which grants should be approved. Pursuant to C.R.S. 24-32-124(3)(a), the appointments to the committee must consist of between 9 and 17 members from the following appointments:

- (I) A representative of the department of local affairs appointed by the executive director who shall chair the committee;
- (II) A representative of the department of public safety appointed by the executive director of the department of public safety;
- (III) A representative of the department of law appointed by the attorney general;
- (IV) The following persons appointed by the governor:
  - (A) A representative of a statewide organization of district attorneys;
  - (B) A representative of a statewide organization of county sheriffs;
  - (C) A representative of a statewide organization of chiefs of police;
  - (D) A representative of a statewide organization of law enforcement officers;
  - (E) A representative of a statewide organization of counties;
  - (F) A representative of a statewide organization of municipalities;
  - (G) A representative of a drug treatment provider;
  - (H) A representative of a nonprofit organization that advocates for civil liberties; and
  - (I) Four additional members who are not members of any of the entities described in subsections (2)(b)(IV)(A) to (2)(b)(IV)(H) of this section, but who represent community organizations that provide services to the community and represent the diverse geographic areas and the ethnic and racial diversity and gender balance within the state;
- (V) A member of the senate appointed by the president of the senate; and
- (VI) A member of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

The fund is created through the disposition of seized personal property, if the prosecution prevails in a forfeiture action in district courts, the court shall order property forfeited. Proceeds from forfeiture actions are distributed, upon order of the court, resulting in the collection of twenty-five percent (25%) of the proceeds awarded to district courts. Pursuant to C.R.S. 16-13-311 proceeds are sent to the Department by



state warrant and deposited into the LECS fund. The Division can charge 5% administrative costs of the total fund balance to make grants. Since its inception on July 1, 2018, the fund has collected \$1,287,786.

### Report of Activities

Since the bill passed in 2018, revenue collection is as follows:

LECSGP REVENUE					
FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	Total
\$ 206,894	\$ 272,598	\$ 262,038	\$272,227	\$274,029	\$1,287,786

The Division of Local Government has secured eleven committee appointments for the following seats:

- A representative of the department of local affairs appointed by the executive director who shall chair the committee;
- A representative of the department of public safety appointed by the executive director of the department of public safety;
- A representative of a statewide organization of chiefs of police;
- A representative of a statewide organization of law enforcement officers;
- A representative of a statewide organization of counties;
- A representative of a drug treatment provider;
- Three members who represent community organizations that provide services to the community and represent the diverse geographic areas and the ethnic and racial diversity and gender balance within the state;
- A member of the senate appointed by the president of the senate; and
- A member of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

Welcome letters have been sent out to each committee member and the Division of Local Government will hold the first committee meeting during the first quarter of 2024. The division has accumulated enough funding to execute the LECS program at the beginning of FY 24-25 after the committee has convened and program functions and design have been finalized.